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YANGTSE DANGERS.

Outlook Uncertain and Menacing.
EVACUATION PROCEEDING.
Consuls and Warships Being Withdrawn.

The Yangtse outlook is described as uncertain and menacing. Complete British and American evacuation, including the closing of consulates and the withdrawing of warships, is now proceeding at certain ports. This action is being taken because it is feared the situation may get out of hand at any moment.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

Why The Evacuation Is Proceeding.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:—
Owing to trade being at a standstill during the progress of the present Revolution and Civil War, the British and American communities, the Consul and gunboats are being withdrawn at Chungking because recent events have shown that the situation may at any moment get out of hand and endanger the lives of foreigners in the zone of hostilities.

Americans Being Evacuated.

The British and American communities, the Consul and gunboats at Ichang also are being withdrawn after completion of the Chungking evacuation and for the same reasons.

Considerable Troop Movement at Hankow is Reported.

The American community at Hankow is being reduced to a minimum.

It is hoped to transfer the negotiations at Wuhu regarding the sinking of a military launch by the s.s. "Kutwo" for settlement at Hankow.

Chiang Postpones Visit.

Later. The situation at Wuhu is normal.

"Kutwo" negotiations are continuing. Retaliatory measures by foreign men-of-war in view of the constant firing on river steamers and naval vessels have been approved. (The message does not state what form the retaliatory measures will take).

There is no change in the situation at Shanghai.

General Chiang Kai-shek, who was to have met Admiral Williams on board the U.S. flagship "Pittsburg" yesterday, sent a message pointing his visit to some future date.

Woosung Shipping Order.

Yang Chu-chung (the Northern Admiral who turned over to the South and whose action brought about the firing on the Kiangnan Arsenal) has issued notices requesting all sea-going vessels not to enter the entrance of Woosung from sunset to sunrise.

Senior Naval Foreign officers are meeting to-day (Wednesday) to discuss whether or not this action shall be emulated.

MR. TOM MANN.

Disowned By British Labour.
COMPLETELY REPUDIATED.

London, Feb. 23.
Mr. Havelock Wilson, president of the Seamen's Union, speaking at a luncheon at the Hotel Cecil, referred to Mr. Tom Mann's activities in China. He said it was surprising that such men were not exposed. Mr. Mann wrecked trade unionism in Australia and had done his best to ruin it in Britain; yet he was the type of man Mr. Ramsay Mac-



Mr. Havelock Wilson.

Donald meekly followed. He added that the seamen in 1921 rejected nationalisation of which they had experienced in the American State-owned ships as well as those of Australia. It proved a tyrannical system. Australian-owned ships were "something dreadful."

Communist delegates of the international proletariat recently arrived in Canton. They expressed their sympathy with the aims of the Chinese Nationalist Reds. They stated they had come to Canton to study the situation and to establish contact with the Chinese for the furtherance of the world revolution movement. They exhorted the Chinese people to continue in their struggle against foreign domination.

Mr. Tom Mann, the former British Labour leader, who was present at a banquet given to the delegates, expressed the indignation of the English working classes against the conduct of "British Imperialist pirates." He urged the Chinese people to continue their fight for the deliverance of China from the tentacles of British Imperialism.

COMMUNIST MESSENGER.

Any obscurity about the purpose of Mr. Tom Mann's presence in China was removed when I saw Mr. Albert Inkpin, secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain, wrote the "Daily Telegraph's" Labour Correspondent in mail week. "Who sent Tom Mann to China?" I asked him at the close of the Communist executive meeting. "We did," replied Mr. Inkpin, "as part of an international delegation, to convey the greetings of the British workers to the Cantonese Nationalist movement, including the Army. He is our only British representative, and others have gone from the Communist parties of France, Germany, Russia, America, and Czechoslovakia. They have just arrived, and I received a card from him dated from Vladivostok."

Pernicious Manifesto.

Mr. Inkpin also handed to me a manifesto issued by the Political Bureau of the Communist party, declaring that "responsibility for the murder of twenty trade unionists, for organising a general strike at Shanghai falls entirely upon the Baldwin Imperialist Government."

This manifesto declares that Sun was only enabled to send more troops to the front, thanks to the arrival of British reinforcements. Then it becomes very precise in advising direct action

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on Tuesday, 14/11/27, was 1/11/18/19.

ANOTHER CLASH.

Singapore Disturbances Continue.
POLICE BATON CHARGE.

Singapore, March 29.
The authorities view seriously the disturbances going on since the Sun Yat-sen celebrations. Public vehicles and police are frequently attacked. There was another violent clash to-night. The police made a baton charge and effected many arrests of Chinese. The Magistrates are inflicting salutary sentences. Armed troops are standing by at the police stations.—Reuter.

for political ends in our own country. The passage is so significant that I quote it in full: "The Communist party reminds the workers that the Baldwin Government, which renders possible these murders, is prepared to carry out the same murders in this country, as is shown by the recent speech of Mitchell-Thomson, threatening that Socialists who fight war will be shot, and menacing similar action in the event of a general strike in this country to preserve rights such as our Chinese comrades are fighting for."

"Direct action to stop munitions against China; to secure the withdrawal of the troops, and to bring about the downfall of the Baldwin Government is necessary, not only as an act of solidarity, but in defence of British labour."

Flat and Final.

In an effort to ascertain to what extent Mr. Tom Mann had received any mandate to give the greetings of the British workers to the Cantonese Nationalist Army I went down to the headquarters of the Trades Union Congress in Eccleston-square. There the General Council was holding a special meeting, and repudiation of Mr. Mann was flat and final. "His last connection with us was when he was secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. Quite definitely he has no authority whatever to speak as the representative of the organised workers of this country." The Labour party gave an equally emphatic denial of any knowledge that Mr. Tom Mann contemplated a visit to China, or that he had any authority to speak for them. They had made careful inquiries, because some weeks ago in South London a little meeting of extremists one Sunday morning was informed that Mr. Tom Mann was about to leave for China to encourage the Cantonese cause.

"Duke of Plaza Toro."

Mr. Fenner Brockway, secretary of the Independent Labour party, and editor of the "New Leader," left no room for doubt by his very categorical statement. "Say definitely that Mr. Tom Mann went without our knowledge, and certainly without our support. He had no credentials from the Independent Labour party, and had he asked for them he would not have received them."

Mr. Tom Mann, the stormy petrel amongst the leaders of organised labour, was until recently the chairman of the Minority Movement, which is the trade union wing of the Communist party. The All-Russian Soviet made him one of the twenty-five commanders of the world, an occasion which provoked Mr. James Sexton, M.P., to liken him to the Duke of Plaza-Toro. At sixty-eight he is an uncompromising advocate of the class war and the social revolution.

St. John Ambulance Brigade will give public vaccinations this Sunday, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Residents are invited to send their Chinese servants, who wish to be vaccinated. No fees are charged or may be accepted.

The rich coolies, numbering many thousands in Shanghai, are being forcibly enrolled as Union members. Twenty thousand miscellaneous workers remain on strike.

Hankow Americans. The Hankow American Chamber of Commerce has asked the American Government for more protection. It is understood that they have now been officially notified that the Chinese government is in a position to take action in regard to the situation in Hankow.—Reuter.

HONG KONG.

Message by Secretary of State.
FUTURE OF THE COLONY.

Under instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Governor of Hong Kong issued the following communication at a meeting of the District Watchmen Committee held at Government House this morning:—

"His Majesty's Government would be glad if you would convey to the District Watchmen Committee and to the whole community of Hong Kong their sincere sympathy in the great difficulties with which it is beset and their admiration for the energy and resource which have been displayed in facing these difficulties. His Majesty's Government have noted with the greatest satisfaction the loyalty of the whole community, and particularly of the Chinese, to the Hong Kong Government, and they feel confident that the fortitude and resolution shown in the trying circumstances of the past two years by all concerned are a guarantee that when normal conditions have been restored the Colony will continue to prosper in the future as in the past. You can, of course, assure the Committee and the Colony that His Majesty's Government will give the fullest protection to Hong Kong and its mainland territories during the civil war now unhappily raging in China and that they have no intention whatever of surrendering Hong Kong or of abandoning or diminishing in any way its rights or authority in any part of the adjacent mainland territories under British administration to the maintenance of which His Majesty's Government attach the highest importance."

STOP PRESS.

HANKOW CRISIS.

Conditions For Foreigners Impossible.

Shanghai, March 30.
The following message, dated March 26, has been received from Hankow:—

With Communism now in full power here, conditions for foreigners—especially British—have become impossible.

A few foreigners—all men—still remain, but must live on the waterfront, from which they can be quickly evacuated in case of personal danger.

Even the American Consul is forced to live on the waterfront, and has advised all Americans to do likewise.

Kuomintang Moderates have been utterly "downed" and even Mr. Eugene Chen is now powerless although, it is probable, that he will continue to be used for his success in dealing with the representatives of foreign Powers.

The foreign Banks are all closed owing to the impossible demands of employees and general difficulties put in the way of doing business.—Reuter.

Papers Closed Down.

The two newspapers, respectively British and American owned, are still closed down. The Political Bureau managed this by the simple process of securing the withdrawal of the labour necessary for their production. The Editors complained to Mr. Eugene Chen who, however, was able to do nothing. The newspapers then published mimeograph news sheets which could be obtained by calling at the offices. But pickets arrested the messengers who were sent for the sheets, the issue of which was consequently suspended. Thus, the Political Bureau succeeded in suppressing all printed news and opinions except Red.—Reuter.

FURTHER TROUBLE.

Another Shanghai General Strike.

Shanghai, March 30.
Intense activity is still being displayed in Shanghai by the General Labour Union which yesterday decided to organise another general strike, the date of which will be fixed later, for the purpose of furthering the anti-British movement.—Reuter.

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WOULD NOT MAKE A WILL.

That she would die in a few days if she made a will, was the superstitious belief of Mrs. Frances Seely (87), a widow, of Morant Street, Popular, the disposal of whose property was discussed at the City Coroner's Court. Mrs. Seely died suddenly in a bar, at Aldgate last Tuesday as she was returning home after spending a Christmas holiday at Hatfield, near Sawbridgeworth (Essex), and medical evidence was given that the cause was syncope from advanced arterial disease.

It was stated that although she was living on parish relief, Mrs. Seely rented the house in Morant Street, Popular, and let three rooms to a police-constable for 12s. 6d. a week. At the time of her death she was carrying a dress case in which was found a quantity of valuable jewellery, including a gold watch and chain and rings. She had no near relatives, and she had told a friend that she would like Mr. Ellis, her late husband's stepfather, to have her property, but she objected to sign a paper, thinking that she would die in a few days if she did so. Mr. Ellis, it was stated, is 85 years of age, and Mrs. Seely had been staying at his house at Hatfield during Christmas. The coroner said that as the lady had died intestate, his officer would have to take the property to the Treasury authorities and receive instructions from them. If they acted in the matter they would probably allow so much for the funeral expenses.

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Jaguar, from Batavia.
Underwriters, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 24th March, 1927.

"FOOLISH OLD MAN."

PRETENDED TO BE A MURDERER.

The jury at a Stepney inquest on Saturday returned a verdict of death from natural causes in the case of Jane Williams, of Miller-court, Duval Street, Spitalfields, who was found dead in her room, and in connection with whose death an inmate of the West Ham Union institution at Whipps-cross has been remanded on a charge of murder.

Police-sergeant Lane said that the man in custody, Joseph Carson, entered Bow Road Police Station on Thursday, and said he wished to give himself up as he had murdered a woman and could not stand it any longer. He added that he had strangled her.

Dr. R. M. Bronte, who made a post-mortem examination, said that there was no evidence of any injury or strangulation. It was quite a natural death.

Joseph Carson gave evidence, and said that it was "a lie" that he told the police.

Dr. Guthrie (the coroner): Were you in drink?

Carson: No; I had only half a dozen drinks. You cannot get drunk on 2s.
Dr. Guthrie: You were a foolish old man to give the police all this trouble. Turning to the jury, the coroner added: "I am sorry, gentlemen, that you have had all this trouble over a silly old man."

POISON FOR FORTY.

LUCKY ESCAPE OF SUICIDE'S FAMILY.

"I have never before been addressed as a cigar," observed Dr. Edwin Smith, the Hackney coroner, when holding an inquest on William Frederick Patterson, 42, a glass silversmith, of Lockner Road, Dalston, who committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. The coroner was referring to a letter which Patterson had left addressed to "Dear Corona."

Evidence was to the effect that the man had boasted that he carried about with him sufficient poison to kill forty people. Upon the production of a bottle labelled "cough drops," Dr. Smith said that the man's boast was not an idle one, as it contained enough of the cyanide to kill a large number of persons.

The widow stated that her husband had not only threatened but had endeavoured to poison her and her children, and the coroner, in recording a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind, said the man's wife and family were to be congratulated on their lucky escape.

PUNCHED SHARK.

GALLANT EFFORT TO SAVE BOY.

Heroic attempts were made to rescue to-day a lad named Mervyn Allum, 15, years of age, whom a shark attacked at Port Jackson, a holiday resort near Sydney. The shark seized Allum by the upper part of the leg and dragged him under the water. The boy's screams attracted a man, Stanley Gibbs, who swam to the rescue, and, reaching Allum, seized his arm with one hand and punched the shark with the other. Gibbs then struck out for the shore, pushing the now unconscious boy in front of him. The shark twice attacked them unsuccessfully, but by that time Donald Campbell, in a rowing boat, managed to drag both Allum and Gibbs into shallow water. The boy was terribly mutilated and died. Sharks infest Sydney Harbour, and the ocean beaches and neighbouring waters, but fatalities are, fortunately, few although five persons have been killed during the last two years. Surf clubs patrol the beaches, the members often participating in splendid rescues.

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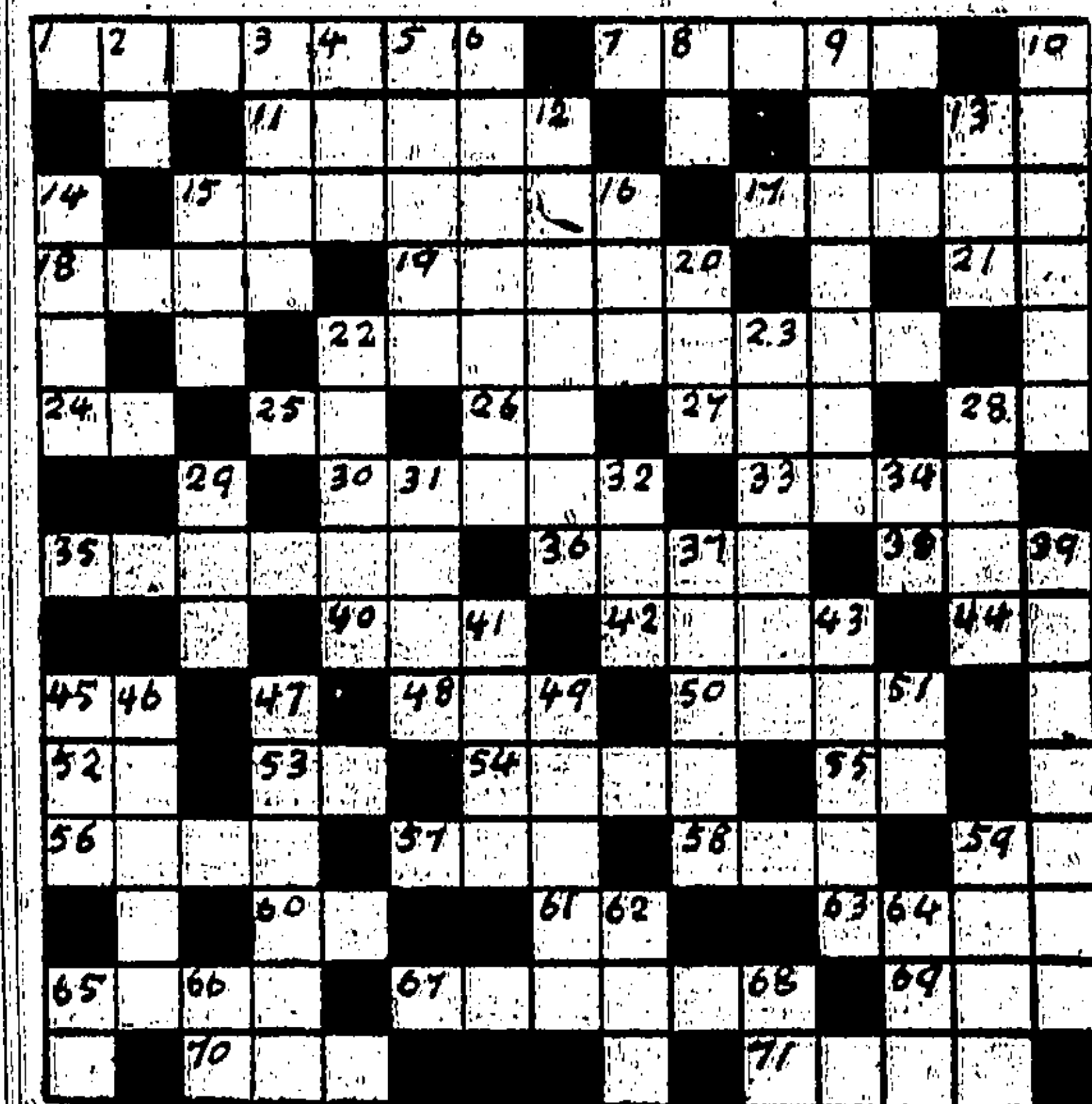
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Clues Across.

Clues Down.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Moves violently. | 2. We. |
| 3. Nimble. | 3. Any critical trial. |
| 11. Soil. | 4. To lick up. |
| 13. "OE" (actual). | 5. Scientific name for health. |
| 15. A medicine used for neuralgias. | 6. Difficulties. |
| 17. To rebuke. | 8. Present of "Be." |
| 18. To desire. | 9. A tormentor of political candidates. |
| 19. Weight used for precious stones. | 10. To degrade. |
| 21. DU (actual). | 12. Shaggy. |
| 22. A band for the waist. | 13. Ancient. |
| 24. Towards. | 14. A piece of ground. |
| 25. An exclamation of joy. | 15. A timber tree. |
| 26. TU (actual). | 16. NAT (actual). |
| 27. To perish. | 20. Torpedo boat destroyer (abbrev.) |
| 28. "I". | 22. Of the feminine sex. |
| 30. Mouldy. | 23. One or the other. |
| 33. A large plant with a woody trunk. | 25. Food. |
| 35. A disease of the skin. | 29. Practical skill. |
| 39. Every one separately considered. | 31. Employed. |
| 38. A chum. | 32. To yelp. |
| 40. NER (actual). | 34. EF (actual). |
| 42. A titled man. | 37. CELLS (actual). |
| 44. Thank you! | 39. A short rope used for fastening articles. |
| 45. SC (actual). | 41. To be mad. |
| 48. A quadruped's parent. | 43. One mounted on horseback. |
| 50. The rainbow. | 45. The sun. |
| 52. Alternative. | 46. Meat juice. |
| 53. Company (abbrev.) | 47. Views. |
| 54. A thin covering. | 49. Measured. |
| 55. To perform. | 51. In this manner. |
| 56. To throw out. | 53. A piece of glass. |
| 57. To place. | 54. DDS (actual). |
| 58. Look! | 56. A snake like fish. |
| 59. Father. | 58. To proceed. |
| 60. Word of negation. | 59. BU (actual). |
| 61. ED (actual). | 63. Editor (abbrev.) |
| 62. The back part. | |
| 65. A circular motion. | |
| 67. To be busy about trifles. | |
| 69. The last point. | |
| 70. To employ. | |
| 71. Grief. | |

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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KATORI MARU Saturday, 23rd April, at 11 a.m.

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TAMBA MARU Monday, 11th April.

TOTTORI MARU Saturday, 30th April.

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ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS A
HOLIDAY.

Considerable surprise was occasioned in the Colony when it was
heard that the Customs at Canton
had been closed yesterday.

On inquiries, it was learned that
a holiday was being observed as
yesterday was the anniversary of
the death of the "72 martyrs of the
Revolution."

Since January 1, 1927, Chinese
Maritime Customs stations in
South China have flown the
Nationalist flag and not the five-
barred "Republican" banner of
Peking.

This is the first year that the
Customs has been closed on ac-
count of a holiday not recognised
by Peking.

Normal working was restored this
morning and cargo is moving
again.

When the s.s. "Paul Lecat" ar-
rived here at 3 p.m. yesterday from
Shanghai, her captain reported that
there were two cases of mumps on
board.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" from Hong Kong on March 9,
arrived at Vancouver on March 27.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" (Capt. St. Robinson, O.B.E.,
M.R.C.) will leave here for Victoria
and Vancouver, B.C., via Manila,
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, at
1 p.m. to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left
Singapore for this port on March
26, at 8 a.m., and is due here to-
morrow, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left
Singapore for this port on March
27, at 8 a.m., with the outward
English mails, and is due here to-
morrow, at about 6 a.m.

The B. & O. s.s. "Lakero" left
Singapore for this port on March 25,
at 9 p.m., and is due here to-
morrow, at about noon.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" will leave
Amoy for this port to-morrow,
p.m., and is due here on April 1,
at about 3 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singa-
pore for this port on March 26, p.m.,
and is due here on April 1, at about
1 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benroch"
from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, Lon-
don and Straits, is due to arrive
here on April 2.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Vancouver for Hong
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on March 19, and is due here
on April 8.

The m.v. "Japan" (Swedish East
Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on
March 17, and is due here on or
about April 29.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 71
ocean-going merchant vessels in
Hong Kong harbour. Of this num-
ber, 21 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9
a.m. to-day, there were 19 arrivals
(4 British) and 16 departures (6
British).

Bound for their homes up-coun-
try, 48 deportees arrived in Hong
Kong on the s.s. "Telemachus," in
the charge of 16 armed Sikh guards.
One of the "bad characters" being
repatriated through Hong Kong is
a woman.

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

HAWAII MARU Friday, 8th April.

LA PLATA MARU Friday, 6th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SUMATRA MARU Monday, 4th April.

HONOLULU MARU Tuesday, 19th April.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-es-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Sunday, 1st May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

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DEVANHA	8,156	18th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
ALPORA	6,273	20th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
LAHORE	5,252	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,653	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, B'way & K'chi
KHYA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,314	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,006	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TALWA	10,900	25th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,900	20th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
ARAFURA	6,000	20th April	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney &c.
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LAHORE	5,252	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	3rd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALMA	10,900	8th April	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
JEYPORE	7,648	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,653	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	8,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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S.S. "CITY OF DUNKIRK"	Via Suez Canal	22nd April
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ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 29 on the s.s. "St. Albans" from Kobe and Yokohama:—Mr. R. L. Stewart, Miss W. Ponder, Miss C. Matheson, Mr. F. Eberhardt, Mr. T. P. Obbinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ogilvie, Mr. Chang Hoi-wan.

DEPARTURES.

Among the first-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong on March 29 by the "President Madison" for Shanghai, Japan and Seattle, were:—Rev. B. Penn, Mrs. E. Miss S. and Mr. F. Shingler, Mr. F. W. Sutcliffe, Col. Y. Takakawa, Mrs. J. P. and Mr. J. Willcox, Miss S. A. Wilkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mrs. N. De. Sauvanno, Mrs. G. Keoth, Mr. D. Keith, Mr. N. C. McClelland, Mr. F. G. McMann, Miss G. Marriage, Mrs. C. A. Porter, Mrs. E. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Savage, Mr. J. K. Butler, Mrs. F. L. and Miss B. L. Waldron, Miss A. L. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bigelow, Mr. F. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carpenter, Mr. C. Castellano, Mr. and Mrs. S. Erlanger, Mrs. F. S. Pinkins, Mr. G. E. Gordon, Mr. A. A. Hayward, Mr. C. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. and Miss D. Lines, Mr. A. E. S. M. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. W. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schoppe, Mrs. A. M. Wells, Mrs. D. L. Mr. P. and Mr. C. De Quirino, Miss M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Warren, Mr. H. H. Muller, Mr. Baudouin, Mr. W. J. Ropen, Mr. H. Hallgren, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Michan, Mr. Ma. Wing-chun, Mr. Jan Con-sung, Mr. D. B. Spark, Mr. D. T. King, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Filipovski, Mr. J. Vokhovsky, Mr. J. Rodriguez, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mullace, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. R. J. S. Wilson, Mr. M. H. Matheson, Mr. C. C. Blake.

First-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong for Manila on March 29 by the "President Hayes" included:—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Applegate, Mr. E. R. Joseph, Mr. J. W. Brenner, Capt. J. S. Crawford, Ensign F. Davis, Miss V. Dobbyn, Ensign H. C. Fish, Mr. G. Canrado, Lt. W. E. Guitier, Mr. C. M. Higgins, Mr. L. Naalaung, Miss A. Moquire, Miss C. Laubender, Lt. and Mrs. E. B. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Boggs, Mr. C. Breyer, Miss C. and Miss H. Cameron, Mrs. E. and Mr. P. Hargis, Mr. G. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Linn, Mr. J. Milch, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mundell, Miss L. Niblock, Mr. E. C. Wright, Mr. A. Van Der Zander, Mrs. C. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eshbaugh, Mrs. E. F. Hardie, Miss L. Huchings, Miss F. McCleary, Mr. L. A. C. Parish, Mrs. M. K. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sanders, Mrs. G. A. and Miss M. V. Vincenbeller, Mrs. A. Luchising, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Master, Mr. L. J. Sawyer, Mr. M. B. Blakemore, Mrs. E. F. Blue, Mr. F. P. Hahn, Mrs. E. Hahn, Mr. J. A. W. Loureiro, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Orwig, Mrs. F. F. Parsons, Miss M. Soule, Mrs. G. E. M. Tedford, Mr. T. B. Tybring, Mrs. M. E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lutke, Miss M. Phillips, Mr. S. Tomioka, Mr. E. Wakabayashi, Mr. E. J. Wilson, Miss M. G. English, Mr. T. and Mrs. G. Lyon, Mr. C. L. Dinmore, Mrs. F. D. Papp, Dr. (Mrs) E. D. Congdon, Mr. H. M. Saydah, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Creed.

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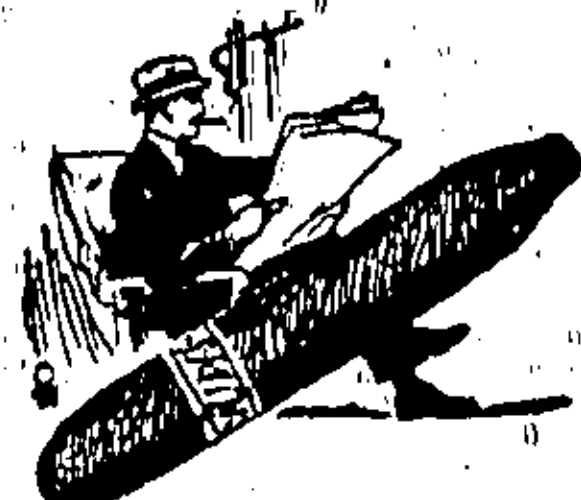
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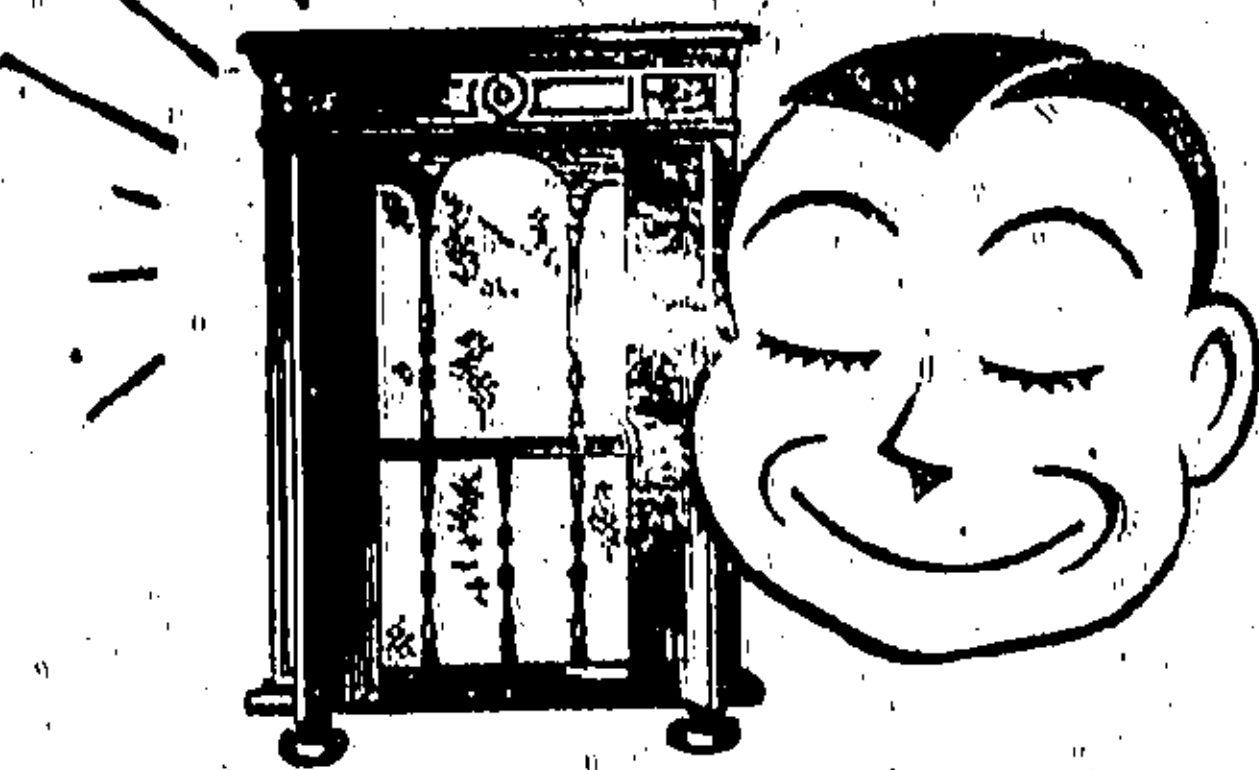
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AN IMMEDIATE NECESSITY.

Commenting on the situation in
China the London "Times" re-
echoes what has been said out
here time and again of recent
months—that the immediate
necessity in China is sheer physi-
cal defence. Whether or not there
is a conflict between the Moder-
ates and the Extremists of the
Nationalist Party, all recent
events show that the Extremists
are doing their best to force an
issue in the direction they prefer.
With such elements, the "Times"
rightly says, further negotiations
are impossible. It will be time to
resume political negotiations
when a genuine Chinese National-
ism again emerges in an organised
form.

The Extremists are once again
"slated" by General Chiang Kai-
shek. He has ordered a sharp
look out to be kept on the "Reds,"
who are "committing crimes in
the name of the Kuomintang, but
with the full consent of the Party
authorities." This declaration
comes rather late in the day. The
Nationalists have been warned re-
peatedly—even long before the
commencement of the Northern
Expedition—against the machina-
tions of the "Reds." General
Chiang Kai-shek had innumerable
opportunities for eliminating the
"Reds" from the Party councils.
The true picture of Karakhan,
Borodin & Co. was painted for his
benefit in practically every refer-
ence to Canton politics. But all
that he did was to make a half-
hearted attempt to rid his own
immediate presence of the
Extremists, whilst retaining

Borodin as Adviser to the Govern-
ment!

The danger to-day is seen by
the Canton General Commanding
the troops north of Shanghai. In
proclaiming martial law over the
district, he states that lawlessness
will not only fail to support diplo-
matic actions in the interests of
China, but will also obstruct
peaceful negotiations with the
Powers. Then he proceeds to
blame the "counter-revolution-
ists," whom he accuses of having
done much to discredit the regular
Nationalists.

All this is a sad commentary on
the ability of the Nationalists to
govern. If they are not strong
enough to suppress the Extrem-
ists (alias the Reds) in their
midst they are certainly quite in-
efficient in the equally (if not
more) vital matter of restraining
lawless mobs. They are absolute-
ly incapable of affording to for-
eigners that degree of protection
of their lives and property that
is essential in the light of recent
crimes of violence on a wholesale
scale. They may advance a hun-
dred assurances of their sincere
desire to protect foreigners, but
the bubble is pricked when the
only possible rejoinder that the
Powers can put forward is "sheer
physical defence as the immediate
necessity" of the moment. The
more ready the Powers are to
negotiate the more eager are the
Extremists to force an issue in the
direction they prefer. And, un-
fortunately, the Extremists so far
have gained all along the line at
the expense both of a genuine
Nationalist Government and of
China's relations with foreign
Powers.

The Right Way.

Another vexed question, having
its Imperial aspects, has been
amicably settled. For a long
time, until recent weeks, the re-
lations between India and South
Africa had been gravely strained,
consequent upon threatened legis-
lation by the Union Government,
which, if passed, would have sub-
jected the Indians in South Africa
to segregation and imposed upon
them invidious trading restric-
tions. As 21 per cent. of the
population of Natal is Indian, or
about half that of the European
element, it is not difficult
to believe that the announced in-
tention of General Hertzog's Gov-
ernment greatly perturbed the
peoples of India and South
Africa. Had the proposed legis-
lation been proceeded with there
is no doubt that an exceedingly
serious situation would have
arisen. Not only would the im-
proving relations between the
British Government and the In-
dian Swarajists have been easily

jeopardised, but there might easily
have been serious civil distur-
bances in Natal, where Asiatics,
mainly Indians, number nearly
200,000. Wiser counsels, how-
ever, have prevailed. The Indian
and South African Governments
agreed to confer and out of their
conference has happily come
peace. A compromise has been
effected, under the terms of which
the existing voluntary repatria-
tion scheme is to be extended and
the bonus to Indians returning to
their native country has been in-
creased while free passages are to
be granted to the port of debarka-
tion and from the port of landing
in India to the repatriated Indians'
new domicile. By this means cord-
ial relations have been re-
established between the two coun-
tries and though neither Govern-
ment has committed itself to more
than an undetermined temporary
experiment, there is a professed
desire on both sides that the tenta-
tive settlement prove a perman-
ent one.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SERVICE MEN AND PEAK TRAMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—It was with delight that I
read a letter in your columns to
aid the Service men in connection
with travelling on the Peak Tram
by an "Old Resident."

I should like to help them fur-
ther. I was one day unfortunate
enough to miss the 4 p.m. car at
the top station. The next was
4.15. So I amused myself reading
notices. There was a small
notice of Services of First Church
of Christ Scientist in the tram. I
noticed a similar notice which I
was not near enough to see, and
thought no more of it.

I was talking to a friend one
evening, when a Service man came
up. He said: "What do you
think is the latest in the Peak
Trams? A notice is up to say
that Service men when travelling
at Service rates must occupy the
back seats in the saloon. The no-
tice is so small that no one would
know what it was for, and civil-
ians who get out at the various
stations nearly always occupy
those seats as they are easier to
get out from."

Why do seats have to be
allotted to them. If Peakites can-
not sit next to Service men, well
let them use their motor cars. In
the Homeland anyone travelling
by tram car or bus has to sit
where he jolly well can. There
is no choice whom you have to sit
next to, so why should Service
men here be treated on the level
of a Chinese coolie?

Yours, etc.,
PROUD OF THEM.
Hong Kong, March 29.

"TURN OF THE TIDE."

LIBERALS AND BY-ELECTION SUCCESS.

EXTREMISTS IN DISFAVOUR.

London, March 29.
The defeat of the Labourites at
Leith and North Southwark, both
it should be noted, industrial cen-
tres, is attributed to the electoral
dislike for the methods of extem-
pists, as the Labour left wingers,
with an infusion of Communists,
were very active in both by-elec-
tions.

Mr. Stansbury long nursed North
Southwark and probably obtained
many Conservative votes in the
absence of an official Conservative
candidate.
The Liberal papers and spokes-
men today are jubilant and de-
scribe North Southwark as the turn
of the tide, clinching the verdict
at Leith. They declare these
victories are evidence of the good
effect of the recent closing up of
rank and the work of Sir
Herbert Samuel since he was ap-
pointed chairman of the organisa-
tion committee of the party. Sir
H. Samuel's announcement in
February that he intended to run
five hundred Liberal candidates at
the next general election is regard-
ed as no longer optimistic, but as
good business from the Liberal
viewpoint.

Sir Herbert Samuel, interviewed
on the North Southwark result,
said the fortunes of Labour until
recently were rising, but are be-
ginning to ebb, while the flow of
Liberalism is now at the turn of
the tide and is likely to increase.
The electorate realised that social-
ism is the wrong policy. Further-
more, Labourites are fundamentally
divided on questions of confisca-
tion, Communism, and foreign
policy. Their leadership conse-
quently is weak and vacillating.
Simultaneously, the Conservative
Government is rapidly falling in
public esteem.—Reuter.

Mr. L. Glin, manager, Hong Kong
Engineering and Construction Co.,
Ltd. returned to the Colony yester-
day by the "Paul Lecoq" from
Shanghai. Mrs. O. P. Remedios also
arrived by this boat. Missionaries
in Miss E. M. Varley, and Mr.
Andersen, came to Hong Kong and
Miss Pickin and Miss Hall are
travelling on to Colombo.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

Views of the Average Man.

POINTS FOR THE POWERS.

With the arrival of General Pei
Chung-hsi and the Southern troops,
order has been restored in Chapel
and the unfortunate district is left
to lick its wounds and recover as
best it may. Remarks the "North
China Daily News" of March 24.
General Pei's assurances for the
maintenance of peace are what
might be expected of a subordinate
of General Ho Ying-yin who has
certainly established a reputation
for fair dealing and for doing what
he can to repress the Communist
mob. But unfortunately there is
no guarantee that either General
Pei or General Ho will continue to
control the Shanghai area. For
two or three days they may do so.
But it seems to be understood that
Messrs. Eugene Chen, T. Y. Soong,
Sun Fo, and the usual Political
Bureau are on their way from Han-
kow to take charge. If and when
they come, we may expect a renew-
ed outbreak of the mob violence
customary at Hankow and wherever
Southern politicians establish them-
selves.

At this critical juncture it is of
the first importance that the foreign
community of Shanghai should have
a clear-cut idea of how they stand.
The Municipal Council in the Man-
ifesto published to the world yester-
day have given us a splendid
lead and it is essential that they
should be backed up by the whole
force of the community. Nothing is
to be gained by recriminations, by
pillorying this official or that, by fu-
tile crying over spilt milk. Shanghai
stands now confronted with the
most dangerous crisis in its career
and it is vital that we should pre-
sent a united front.

Twin Delusions.
The thoughts of the average man,
looking now to the immediate and
distant future, might perhaps be
expressed as follows:—"We trust
ourselves; we believe that our or-
ganisation for resisting strikes and
other forms of economic pressure is
good and that we can resist and
overcome them. We trust most
supremely in our splendid defence
force, the Navy, the troops from
Great Britain and elsewhere, the
S.V.C. and the Police. We think
that the British Government has
done splendidly and wisely in send-
ing this magnificent force to pro-
tect us and we thank them sincerely.
Had it not been for that strong
defence, the International Settle-
ment might now be what Chapel
is and worse. But, candidly, we
are not sure of our respective gov-
ernments in political matters. We
frankly are afraid that we may
wake up one morning to find that
they have made fatal concessions to
the Nationalists, just as was done
at Hankow under the twin delu-
sions that the so-called Nationalist
Government is a settled and per-
manent organisation and that its
good will may be won by friendly
gestures and conciliation."

Hard Facts.
Now as regards these two delu-
sions, let us stick to facts. Whether
or not the pupils of Borodin can
be won over by concessions and
yet more concessions, is possibly a
matter of opinion, though all ex-
perience teaches that this policy
only spurs them to further excess.
But certainly there can be no two
opinions that the Nationalists are
not yet and have not yet made any
pretence of producing a settled gov-
ernment. They have been in Cen-
tral China since last September and
there is nothing of their creation
which even remotely resembles or-
ganised government. There is no
proper system of collecting revenue,
none of account keeping, no idea of
a budget, none of adequate polic-
ing and the ordinary machinery for
protecting the life and interests of
law-abiding citizens. There is no-
thing but a few so-called bureaux,
imposingly named but with no sub-
stance or foundation. Sometimes
attempts are made by the Nation-
alist Ministers to stop this bit of
disorder or put down that instance
of Labour Union arrogance, but al-
ways it ends in failure. We do not
doubt that Eugene Chen, in signing
the agreement with Mr. O'Malley,
meant and hoped to carry out his
part of the bargain, but it is per-
fectly clear that he is unable to do
so. From place to place the Na-
tionalist Government flits, now in
Canton, now in Hankow, presently
in Shanghai, to-morrow it may be in
Nanking always with big profes-
sions and loud talk but with no real-
ity except mob law and disorder
and ruined trade.

Give and Take.
These are statements of fact
which cannot be disputed, and they
are the whole argument for un-
wavering protection of the existing
constitution of Shanghai. What-
ever views our respective Govern-
ments may have for our future
status, let us combine in urging
them, with all the strength and
unity we command, first to require
of the Nationalist Government that
it should prove itself a Government
in the organic sense of the word.
There can surely be no offence,
wounding of the tender suscepti-
bilities of Nationalism, in saying
something like this:—"We realise
that while you are fighting a civil
war, you have no time for details
of internal administration; but in
view of the tremendous interests at
stake as those of your countrymen
quite as much as ours, you will for-
give us for saying that until you
have given proof of the sort of ad-
ministration you mean to produce,
we cannot negotiate for any change

SHANGHAI SCANDAL.

Second Post Office Strike.

STRONG NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Quite apart from any considera-
tion of the local situation, the com-
plete stoppage of the Chinese Post
Office, dealing with a vast amount
of international mail matter in one
of the world's busiest and most im-
portant commercial entrepôts, is a
matter the gravity of which cannot
be over-estimated, says the "North
China Daily News" of March 23.
That it should be possible for such
an institution to be completely
paralysed twice in the short space
of one month would be unbelievable
if it were not only too true. It is
a matter that affects not only the
local postal officials, the striking
postal workers and the unfortunate
houses and individuals whose mails
have been held up indefinitely, but
the whole fabric of the interna-
tional postal system. It is a
flagrant violation of the inter-
national postal agreement which
all the nations concerned regard as
binding and as unbreakable as any
international compact could be, and
that China has broken that agree-
ment in a manner that must be
unprecedented anywhere must con-
stitute an ill omen for the future
of the Chinese Post Office. In
1922 the foreign Powers voluntarily
gave up their post offices in China
on the understanding that China
herself would provide a service as
reliable and as unimpeachable as
that of any other nation or nations.
But the fact cannot be gainsaid
that China has failed, and failed
badly.

The Next Move.
The next move must inevitably
come from the other members of
the International Postal Union.
What that action will be it is too
soon to envisage, but that it will
be drastic and constitute a sure
preventative of a recurrence of
the present scandalous conditions
is strongly to be hoped. As a
nation suited to belong to the In-
ternational Postal Union, China has
failed lamentably and the other
Powers, members of the Union, can
hardly fail to take notice of the fact.
In the meantime, we can only hope
for some slight relief to the present
situation which, of all the happen-
ings in China to-day, is at least
one the possibility of which ought
never to have existed. It is surely
a very extraordinary thing that
adequate preparations can be made
for the continuance of all other
public utilities, but, as regards the
Post Office, nothing.

BELOW AVERAGE.

"NOT SO BAD AS IT LOOKS."

LOCAL SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC

The number of small-pox cases
so far reported this year is high-
er than last year, but a long way
below average, said the Medical
Officer of Health when interview-
ed regarding the eighteen cases,
with nine deaths, that were re-
ported last week. The situation
was "not so bad as it looked."
Dr. Pope was of opinion that
the peak of the epidemic had been
reached and that small-pox would
figure less and less in the daily re-
turn. As soon as the warm weath-
er arrived, small-pox will gradu-
ally disappear.

Imported cases, it was pointed
out, figured largely in the notifica-
tions and in this connection, the
M.O.H. referred to the large num-
ber of "Chinese entering the
Colony during the last month or
so."

Dr. Pope also referred to the
excellent work in regard to vac-
cination that the St. John Ambu-
lance Brigade was going. Small-
pox was one of the most infectious
diseases and vaccination was the
only way in which it could be
stamped out.

In Shanghai's condition. First
show us what you can do. Take
what time you please, one year, two
years, or more; take what place you
please, Hankow, Canton, Nanking;
organise a government in that place,
convince us that that government
rests upon proper departments,
that it has a budget, a police force,
the ability to maintain peace and
execute justice. We know you can
pull down; prove to us also that
you can build up. Then and not
till then will you have convinced
us that you have a case for claim-
ing a share in the government of
Shanghai and it will then be time
to negotiate.

The British Government has
given to the Cantonese such a proof
of its good will as no other govern-
ment ever gave to another country.
It has a clean record as regards
China; it demanded no guarantees
at Hankow; it made a free gift;
morally it is, in the common
phrase, "one up" on the Nation-
alists. So far as Great Britain is
concerned, her record is perfectly
clear and she need have no hesi-
tation in requiring that the Nation-
alists should give proof of what
they can and mean to do before any
discussion with them about Shan-
ghai. This is the core of the Con-
stitutionalist's position and on that
condition let us stand unitedly.

"CEMENT" LOSSES.**Shareholder On "Closing Down."****DEEP WATER BAY WORKS.**

To depression of business throughout the year was attributed at this morning's general meeting, the loss on the year's working of the Green Island Cement Company (with depreciation) of \$2,905.57.

Prospects for the year, it was stated by the Chairman, were more hopeful.

The old Aalborg Kilns were finished with, it was stated, and were being replaced by a modern factory at Macao. The ground had been cleared at Hok Un in readiness for the installation of the latest Rotary Kilns as soon as funds were available.

At the conclusion of the Chairman's address and seconding of the adoption of report and accounts, Mr. N. Y. A. Croucher put the following series of questions to the Chairman (Mr. R. G. Shevan):

Mr. Croucher's Queries.
Mr. Croucher: What capital outlay is represented in the property and works at Deep Water Bay?

The Chairman: On Dec. 31, 1926, \$250,655.13.

Mr. Croucher: What has been expended on those works during the last 14 years?

The Chairman: \$197,018.34 on buildings and machinery and \$6,392.50 on land.

Mr. Croucher: What profit has been made on those works during 14 years of working?

The Chairman: \$51,041.02.

Mr. Croucher: This is very small having regard to the capital outlay.

The Chairman: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Croucher: It is the feeling of shareholders that this branch of our business should be closed down. Will the Directors please give this matter their early and earnest consideration?

The Chairman: This is a very serious question. I quite understand your feeling but to accede to this we should have to dislocate the whole organisation and when an improvement comes in the market it would take many months to train a new staff. Our fine new brick kilns, again, would be ruined.

14 Years, No Profit?
Mr. Croucher: But in 14 years we have made nothing.

The Chairman: If there had been the same demand as there was in 1925 we should be making a profit. However, this whole matter is already receiving the consideration of the Directors.

Mr. Croucher: It is reported that the two mechanical Grate Kilns now erected at Macao were first erected at Hok Un. Is this so?

The Chairman: Yes, they were transferred to Macao where they are awaiting re-erection.

Mr. Croucher: How much was expended on them from the time that they were ordered, shipped and erected at Hok Un?

The Chairman: The cost was \$126,000.00.

Mr. Croucher: Why were they dismantled and re-erected in Macao?

The Chairman: To allow for the demolition of the Aalborg Kilns.

Macao Contract Questioned.
Mr. Croucher: I should like to know what was the contract time for erecting these kilns in Macao and the cost and whether it is true that the contractors took nearly double the time? Also, whether it is right that owing to faulty construction of the new works at Macao further expense was incurred in re-building? Did the contract contain any penalty clause for non-completion on time and if so, was it enforced? Finally, if the total cost of the two kilns was \$711,000, how is the sum made up?

The Chairman: There was no contract time as we did the work ourselves supervised by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. The estimated time for the completion of the Rotary Grate Kilns at Macao was 18 months, but owing to numerous delays in the material coming forward, local conditions, etc. it was two years before they were finally completed. The only adjustments made after the buildings were completed amounted to 2 or 3 thousand dollars. The final cost of the completed plant was \$743,017.58.

New Plant Queried.
Mr. Croucher: Has a new post, namely that of a sub-manager at Macao, been created during the period under review?

The Chairman: Mr. Haywood, who used to be in charge of our Singapore Agency, has been sent to Macao to take charge of the office there, so as to leave the Superintendent more time to supervise the running of the factory.

Mr. Croucher: Have we no expert of our own to do this supervision?

The Chairman: All the management staff are experts at the work.

Mr. Croucher: Why should W. S. Bailey & Co. do this work then?

The Chairman: Our experts were busy with other work and the appointment of an extra man was needed.

Mr. Croucher: When times were prosperous, such an appointment was not considered necessary. Why should it be so now?

The Chairman: The plant at Macao has been increased on a much bigger scale.

Matter of Opinion.
Mr. Croucher: It is our opinion that expenses should be cut down.

The Chairman: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Croucher: How often, during the period under review, have the directors personally inspected the works at Macao, Deep Water Bay and Hok Un?

The Chairman: All three works have been personally inspected by one or more of the directors during the past year.

Mr. Croucher: The manager of the Hok Un Works has recently returned from Home leave. By whom were his duties performed during his absence?

Mr. Pooley's Appointment.
The Chairman: By Mr. Pooley, who was then assistant works manager.

Mr. Croucher: Where is Mr. Pooley now? What salary does he draw? When does his agreement expire? Will it be renewed on expiry?

The Chairman: Mr. Pooley is now in England. He was given 6 months pay to cancel his agreement and for this sum is working as our technical adviser at home until next September when his agreement expires. It is not intended to renew Mr. Pooley's agreement, but as he is present intention to re-engage him when we are ready to erect the new plant at Hok Un.

Mr. Croucher: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman's Review.
The Chairman's speech, which preceded this series of questions and answers, was as follows:

As the Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926, have been in your hands for some time past, I will, with your permission take them as read.

It is with great regret that your Directors have to lay before you such a poor report, but I said this time last year that I hardly dared to speak of our prospects at that time.

The loss for the year after allowing \$45,117.92 for depreciation amounts to \$2,905.57 and after deducting the sum of \$53,342.92 brought forward from 1925, there is a debit balance of \$29,562.65 which your directors recommend should be carried forward.

The cause of this loss is wholly due to depression of business throughout the year, our sales being a little more than half of what they were in 1925. On the same basis of cost we would have made more than half the profit we made in 1925, but the increased cost of production, due to the lower output, practically wiped this out.

At Macao we had to face expenses which brought us no return as, owing to lack of trade, the factory there ceased working in February, 1926. On the other hand we cut down the staff and reduced expenses as far as we could, but this, of course, went a very little way as against the greatly increased cost of production.

Macao Prospects Hopeful.
It was, as you are aware, a bad year all round, but I think the prospects for the present year are more hopeful. At Hok Un we can do nothing to improve conditions until we can obtain fresh capital and erect modern Rotary Kilns, but at Macao we shall soon have the benefit of the two new Grate Kilns which are just being completed, and later on of two more which are now at Macao waiting erection. So we hope in time to have 4 new Grate Kilns working steadily at Macao and capable of turning out 20,000 casks Cement per month instead of the 9,000 casks turned out previously. This will help us to carry on and to meet any increased demand until the day comes when we may be able to carry out our intention to build and equip a first class factory at Hok Un. Exchange has handicapped our export business, but it is now more in our favour and if this continues it will help us to regain our old markets abroad. With a lower exchange and a revival in the local building trade, we should certainly be able to lay before you a very different report this time next year, but time alone can prove whether these hopes are justified. But in the past year you will easily understand that it was not possible to sell Cement or bricks or anything else to local contractors who assured us that they had not a single contract on hand.

New Rotary Kilns?
At the Hok Un Factory the old Aalborg Kilns have been demolished and the site is being prepared for the new Rotary Kilns, which we must install as soon as capital is obtainable. In regard to this you will notice that we have transferred the sum of \$140,474.85 from the Reserve for New Plant to buildings and machinery, thus writing down, after allowing for sales of old machinery etc., the present old plant at Hok Un to \$136,364.79. This figure is a conservative one for although the plant is very old, the buildings are in good condition and will be required when the new plant is erected.

You will also notice that we have transferred from the Reserve for New Plant a further sum of \$34,525.15 to write off the preliminary expenses for the proposed new plant at Tsun Wan, this proposition now being considered an altogether too costly undertaking.

On the other hand we are glad to say that the Government have withdrawn their objection to our remaining at Hok Un so long as we eliminate the smoke and dust nuisance and this we can do as it has already been successfully carried out by a Cement Works situated right in the middle of the city of Glasgow.

Deep Water Bay Loss.
I much regret that our Deep Water Bay Works show such a heavy loss for the year, but the demand for the articles manufactured there is increasing.

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PUBLIC'S MONEY.**HONG KONG SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES.****\$132,000 NOW ASKED FOR.**

About \$131,000 will be asked for by the Government at to-morrow's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, following the meeting of the Council proper.

Of this total, \$20,001 is to supplement the 1926 Budget, but nearly the whole of the sum can be met wholly or in part by savings from other items. Such savings are explained in the message of H.E. the Governor to the Committee.

There are nine items for 1926, one alone—transport of Government servants—amounting for \$16,468. Provision was made at first for \$150,000, then an additional \$46,000. It is very difficult to get an accurate estimate and the fall in exchange has considerably increased the cost. The latest vote is to be met from savings under rent allowances for senior officers.

More Executions.
Other items include \$2,008 for rent allowances to Asiatic subordinate officers, charges and detonators for fog signals \$404, and a motor refuse lorry for the Sanitary Department \$1,306. This last is only a part of the cost, the 3-ton lorry having been purchased at \$9,806.

To supplement the estimates for this year, 15 votes are needed, totalling \$111,156.

Volunteer pay (for duty in camps), provided by the New Ordinance, only for \$263.

Only \$200 was apportioned for executioner's fees at Victoria Jail. The number of executions so far this year has been exceptional. Four persons have already been executed and six are awaiting execution. A further \$500 is now asked for.

To the widow and children of Sergeant Interpreter Li Tse-pan who died with 24 years' meritorious service, a grant of one year's salary (\$1,050) is recommended.

Maintenance of praya wall and piers—deemed to be urgent—at New Kowloon is to cost \$2,500 more.

Kowloon's Water Supply.
Under the heading of Water Account (Meters, etc.), Kowloon

tured there has been practically nil. The Brick Kiln is, however, now turning out Bricks at a cost which should enable us to compete when the building trade recovers from its present stagnation.

We also, as you will notice from the accounts, suffered serious losses there both from the rainstorm of July last and the typhoon of September.

Interest for the year has been a drain upon our resources, due to the fact that after paying the dividend for 1925, our overdraft increased to nearly 8 lakhs, but this was reduced at the end of last year to 4½ lakhs through it being unnecessary to purchase raw material during the year, and should similar conditions continue we expect the overdraft will be liquidated during the current year.

The Accounts.
Sundry creditors standing in the accounts at \$48,217.82 have since been practically all paid.

Investments at \$714,656—remain untouched.

Value of stocks of Raw materials at Hok Un are reduced by about 4 lakhs, no Limestone having been purchased last year.

The stock of Limestone which is now about 124,000 tons was checked by Messrs. Palmer & Turner during 1926, but I am pleased to report that their computation of the stock showed that our estimate was a conservative one.

To sum up and make the position quite clear to you we have first of all finished with the old Aalborg Kilns. Secondly we are replacing these by a modern factory at Macao and thirdly we have cleared the ground at Hok Un in readiness for the installation of the latest Rotary Kilns as soon as funds become available.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability and questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Other Business.
Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

After the questions had been put and answered, the report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

The retiring directors, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and Allan Cameron, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Bagram, seconded by Mr. M. Fernandez.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. J. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Supporting the Chairman, Mr. R. G. Shevan, were Messrs. C. F. Mendham, J. Scott Harston, Allan Cameron, C. A. de Rosa (directors); Mr. A. Keith (secretary); and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, J. T. Bagram, N. V. A. Croucher, J. Coulthart, M. A. Figueiredo, Tong Hok-tin, M. Fernandez, O. Kitchell, A. Kitchell, D. L. King and P. M. N. de Silva.

WORKS. \$10,000 ASKED FOR AND THE VOTE IS EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS:—

A saving of \$5,000 on the Hong Kong meter vote is anticipated and it is suggested that this sum be transferred from Hong Kong to Kowloon—in addition to this a further sum of \$5,000 is now asked for making a total additional sum of \$10,000 which will allow for the fixing of approximately 200 meters in Kowloon.

It would be worth while for Government to vote sufficient funds for these installations as:—

1. There is ample water, and to spare, in Kowloon.

2. The meters are in the Colony and already paid for by Government and that their issue is merely a book transaction between the Store Suspense Account and the vote concerned.

3. The meters are a dead weight in store but when in use pay for themselves in from four to six years by meter rents alone.

4. These meters will register excess consumption which will be paid for by the users to the benefit of the revenue.

5. About 300 applications for water meters in Kowloon have been received.

\$5,000 of the above is to be met from savings.

The Smaller Sums.
A sum of \$5,000 in respect of 1926, voted for the Epidemiological Bureau for the Far East, has not been paid by the Crown Agents. It has been decided that only one contribution of \$5,000 should be made for last year and this year.

Accordingly, a re-vote of \$2,000 is requested to make up the amount.

Among the smaller sums are:—\$133 for additional office coolie at the S.C.A.; \$300 to increase the messenger service at the C.S.O.; \$150 repairs to magnetic instruments at the Royal Observatory; \$600 repairs to microscopes for Bacteriological Institute.

To the widow of Sub-Inspector C. Dorrington, \$3,410 was paid in January. This sum was voted last year and has to be put in the 1927 disbursements instead.

Further extracts from the Governor's message to the Council follow:—

The 1925 Deluge.
New bridge at Taipo and diversion to replace the bridge washed away in 1925—\$30,000.—

The delay in not completing this work last year is regretted.

The preliminary prickings gave ground for the expectation that foundations could be obtained at a depth not greater than 7 or 8 feet and upon this basis was founded the decision in favour of a steel bridge. A request for tenders for the steel work was forwarded in July last and it was anticipated that the delivery would have taken place in 1926 and the financial provision was made to cover the cost of this and the work on the abutments and piers to carry the steel work. A further examination however demonstrated that foundations would have to be carried to a depth of 13 or 15 feet which extra work would bring the total cost of the steel bridge to about \$95,000.

It is now proposed to construct a reinforced concrete bridge on long-pile piers and the cost of this, it is anticipated will not exceed the original estimate of \$51,000.

The work will be finished in 1927 and a vote of \$30,000 is accordingly requested forming the balance of the original estimate.

The above is to be met from savings.

Due to the Crisis.
Telegrams \$11,000.—

The estimate of \$7,000 for this vote was framed in 1926 when it was hoped that better times were before the Colony. Unfortunately the developments both here and in China have resulted in an enormous increase in telegraphic correspondence and no less than \$5,058.97 has already been expended up to the end of February.

It is estimated that unless conditions improve a further sum of \$11,000 will be needed to meet requirements for the whole year and a supplementary vote for that amount is accordingly requested.

Police Khaki Uniforms.
Police Force, clothing, \$20,000.—

Authority was given in 1926 to order 33,000 yards of khaki material for making up of Police summer clothing and the cost of the material should have been charged against the 1926 vote upon which funds were available. The material did not arrive last year and it is estimated that a further sum of \$20,000 will be required to supplement the 1927 vote.

A supplementary vote for this amount, which is a re-vote, is requested accordingly. A sum of \$37,399 lapsed from the vote for 1926.

Anti-Piracy Work.
Contribution towards cost of three armed launches, \$29,250.—

Under an agreement with the Naval Authorities the Government has to contribute towards the cost of running three armed launches for anti-piracy work at the rate \$100 per month each for a period of 12 months from the following dates: 25/3/27, 29/8/27 and 16/4/27. The cost of this service up to the end of the current year is estimated at \$28,000 and in addition the cost of insurance will be \$1,250.

A Chinese attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from the Yau-mat ferry boat "Man Shun." He was rescued by one of the crew and removed to the hospital.

GANDE, PRICE & CO.**ANNUAL MEETING HELD TO-DAY.****LAST YEAR'S LOSS.**

The shareholders' meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the registered offices of the Company, No. 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Building).

Mr. S. C. Pang was in the chair and was supported by Messrs. Kenneth Chan, Leung Yan-po (Directors) and C. Bond (Secretary). The shareholders present were:—Messrs. Pang Kwok-sui, Chow Tung-sang, Pang Kwok-fat and D. Rumjahn.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman read the report as follows:—

Gentlemen,—As it is past the hour for which this meeting has been called and there being a quorum present I will call on the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting. Report read.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts for the year 1926 having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your permission to take them as read. Your Directors regret that the working for the year under review has resulted in a loss of \$6,894.72 which after deducting the balance of \$743.13 brought forward from profit and loss account for 1925 makes a debit balance of \$6,151.59 which your Directors propose to carry forward to this year's account.

There were various causes contributed to the loss. Owing to the general depression of trade our turn-over for the year under review is the lowest as compared with previous years. During the year we were compelled to purchase our goods on a dropping exchange without a corresponding rise in sale prices. In fact, owing to the keen competition prevailing we had to cut down prices in most cases, thereby our profits were greatly reduced. Our chief loss, however, was due to a sub-tenant absconding without paying his rent and the Company had to bear the full loss of the rent under the lease for some months, which amounted to over \$8,000. Added to the above misfortune, there were some old and useless stocks amounting to about \$2,000 which the Directors deemed it advisable to destroy in order to make room for some saleable goods. Now that we have removed to our present premises and a fresh lease taken out on more favourable terms, we sincerely trust that once conditions become more normal we shall have far better results to place before you at our next annual meeting. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question the shareholders may wish to ask.

In seconding, Mr. Kenneth Chan said: Having heard the explanation given by our Chairman, and taking into consideration the unfavourable circumstance which unfortunately had adversely affected our business also, I think, gentlemen, you will agree with me that the result of last year's working could not have been better than what was presented in the report and statement of accounts. I therefore have much pleasure in seconding the proposal submitted by our Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Kenneth Chan was re-elected a director of the Company on the proposal of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors with a remuneration of \$750 on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Chan.

20 MILES AN HOUR.
BRITISH RACING MOTORIST'S TRIUMPH.

Daytona Beach (Florida), March 29. The British racing motorist, Major Saenger, who, with a specially constructed 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam car, went to Florida for the purpose of attempting a speed of 200 miles an hour, to-day attained a speed of 207 miles an hour, a world's record.—Reuter's American Service.

Official Figures.
The official figures are 203,841.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH AVIATOR'S FEAT.
Paris, March 29.

The French Lieutenant, de Mongest, has broken the world's record for altitude in a hydroplane, reaching more than 9,000 metres. The previous record was 8,960.—Havas.

A taxicab caught fire in Garden Road, yesterday afternoon. The flames were speedily extinguished with sand, and very little damage was done.

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Ending March 30th.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There were three cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Tuesday, all Chinese from the city district. Two were of small-pox and the other of enteric fever (typhoid).

A golf ball driven from the last tee at Landudno, Merioneth, Gwent, struck a rock, rebounded, and struck the player in the mouth. Several stitches were inserted at the Cottage Hospital.

The third annual meeting of Hong Kong & Territorial Estates, Ltd. is to be held at 2.30 p.m. on April 3, at St. George's Building. Transfer books of the company will be closed from March 31 to April 8 inclusive.

The horrendous habit of referring to the alligator pear as an alligator pear led the California Avocado Growers' Exchange to issue a protest recently. "It is bad enough," read the protest, "that a Welsh rabbit contains no rabbit and that no horse has ever eaten horse-radish, but that the avocado, an exalted member of the laurel family, should be called an alligator pear is beyond all understanding. The humiliation of calling this fruit after a repulsive reptile is too great to bear."

A honey-bird recently lured a native working at Bulawayo, South Africa, to a deadly snake hidden in a tree. The snake struck the man who died within a few minutes. This adds strength to the popular belief that the honey-bird sometimes maliciously leads its victim to a lion, leopard or snake instead of a store of honey. It is understood that the workman saw the bird fluttering from tree to tree and followed it in the hope of finding a store of wild honey. He must be considered a funny fellow in the bird world.

One of the most interesting electrical labour-saving devices that will be shown at the Ideal Home Exhibition is the new "Magnet" machine, which is a Jack-of-all-trades. Its primary purpose is the washing and wringing of clothes, but by an easy interchange of attachments it may be converted into a meat mincer or a sausage maker. It will also produce ice cream at short notice, chop vegetables, and clean and sharpen knives. It closes down to form an ironing table. The appliance is British in conception, and is made in England by the General Electrical Company.

The sale of curios at Messrs. Lammert Bros. rooms in Duddell Street, announced for to-day, has been postponed till to-morrow.

Six tons of coppers formed part of a total amount of 25,000 collected by undergraduates of Liverpool University in street collections for medical charities.



General Sir George Milne, recently appointed Commander-in-Chief of the armies of Great Britain, to succeed Lord Cavan.

When preparations were being made for the welcome of the Prince of Wales to Buenos Aires, the public school children of the Argentine were set to learn the British national anthem. Naturally, it had to be spelled phonetically, and this is the version that was used.

Himno Ingles.

God seiv aua greichas Kin
Long liv aua nobel Kin
God seiv di Kin
Send jim victorias
Japi and glorias
Long tu rein over as
God seiv di Kin
Dai choiest gultis in stor
On jim bi plet tu por
Long mei ji rein
Mei ji defend aua loos
And ever quiv as cos
Tu sin wit jart and vois
God seiv di King.
When sung by the children, it sounded quite all right.

An Aldershot Command order states that full lodging, light and fuel allowances are to be given to the families of men serving in the Shanghai Defence Force who are on the marriage roll.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., (Vice-Chancellor of the University) will distribute the prizes at St. Stephen's College Founders' Day, to be observed in the Great Hall of the University at 7.30 p.m. this Saturday.

More than two billion, eleven million coffee trees have been planted in Brazil since the inception of coffee cultivation two centuries ago, according to the latest figures issued by the Coffee Institute of São Paulo.

*** THEOSOPHY ***

"WHAT IS THEOSOPHY?" will be the subject of this Week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, March 31, at 8 p.m. The Public are heartily invited to attend.

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It is amazing to read, says the "Straits Times," that recently in London, a few misguided females have actually been presenting young men with the white feather for not "volunteering" for service with the Shanghai Defence Force. If the War Office wanted volunteers for this mission they could be had in thousands.

A society for defending men's rights against women has been founded in Vienna, and the other day a sitting was held, when its President spoke with deep emotion of his wife's "betrayal," and the wives of women in general. A resolution was carried to send Charlie Chaplin a vote of sympathy, and to request him to start a society of the same kind in the United States; further, to ask him to visit Vienna on his tour through Europe, and speak on the American marriage and divorce laws. A member of the society then discussed the possibility of the Government introducing a tax on bachelors, as in Italy, in which case they would demand its extension to spinsters, provided the ladies in question were in good health and favourable material circumstances.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A member of the law firm of Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley in Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson goes on Home leave to-day, sailing on the "Empress of Canada."

Going on Home leave via Canada, Mr. John Arnold (secretary of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.) sails to-day from Hong Kong on the "Empress of Canada."



Josef Hofmann, the famous pianist.

After a short stay in Hong Kong, Mr. F. W. Massey (managing director of Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd.) returns to Shanghai to-day, sailing on the "Empress of Canada."

Captain T. T. Laurensen, D.S.O., local branch secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild and president of the Boats Club, goes on Home leave to-day by the "Empress of Canada."

After being with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Mr. G. M. Young, M.B.E. (a principal of the firm) is leaving for Home to-day on retirement. He sails on the "Empress of Canada," and travels via Vancouver. Mr. Young is a director of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, a member of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Tai Koo Club, member of the committee of the Peak Club, has been chairman of the Hong Kong Club and of the St. Andrews Society and is an official member of the Police.

Mr. R. L. Stewart arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "St. Albans" from Kobe.

Mr. G. E. Towns, acting chief accountant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, sails for Home to-day on the "Empress of Canada."

The annual ball of the 4th Submarine Flotilla (China Squadron) has been indefinitely postponed on account of "unforeseen circumstances."

Oriental manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., Mr. Allan Cameron leaves for Yokohama to-day on the "Empress of Canada." Mr. Cameron is also a director of several public companies in Hong Kong.

Mr. T. C. Monaghan (purchasing agent and entering superintendent of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Co., Ltd. in Hong Kong) leaves for Vancouver to-day, with his family, by the "Empress of Canada." Mr. Monaghan is a keen golfer and tennis player.

Among the many passengers on the "President Madison" when she sailed yesterday for Shanghai, Seattle and ports were Mr. F. W. Sutterle, Colonel Y. Takakawa, Mr. and Mrs. S. Erlanger, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling.

The following deaths were announced at Home in mail week:—Rev. Alfred Redman, vicar of St. James, Heywood, for 42 years, and honorary canon of Manchester, a writer on botany and geology, at Heywood, aged 82; Rev. Edward James Elliott, rector of Broadwater, Worthing, since 1906, while visiting Brighton, aged 84; Mr. Robert Henry Coates, formerly general secretary of the United Machine Workers' Association, at Sunderland, aged 65; and Mr. Walker Bull, one of the senior members of the Corporation of London, and Deputy Alderman of Bishopsgate Ward, at Snaresbrook, aged 88.

News has been received of the death at Home of a retired Hong Kong merchant in Mr. Herbert Stephens, whose daughter is the wife of Mr. Colin Sara of the Public Works Department. Mr. Stephens came out in 1903 and till his retirement in 1923 was head of Messrs. H. Stephens & Co., commission agents. He has since lived at Harborne, Birmingham and was 59 years of age. As a yachtsman, an ardent adherent of the "Kipper," and a member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and of the old Phoenix Club, he is remembered by many friends in the Colony. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sara in their bereavement.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Cedric Arthur Leary Rickett, No. 1A, Chatham Path, May Road, to Miss Beatrice Cox, Fulmar House, Farthing, England.

Captain J. S. Crawford, Mr. J. A. W. Loureiro and Mr. L. J. Sawyer were among the passengers on the Manila-bound "President Hayes" when she left Hong Kong yesterday.



J. E. Sterrett, famous economist, and member of the transfer committee under the Dawes plan.

Mr. W. T. Daley, of the Hong Kong office, passenger department, Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., has been appointed to Kobe and sails to-day on the "Empress of Canada."

Mr. Ma Wong-chun (managing director) and Mr. Jan Con-sang (manager) of the Sincere Co., Ltd., Hong Kong were passengers on the "President Madison" which left for Shanghai yesterday.

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Sharnoon, on Saturday of Theodore Oswald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lammert, and Ethel Dolores Quittow, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Lammert, who have since been away. Mr. F. E. W. Lammert acted as Best Man. Mrs. Wyndham Law, wife of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, was the Matron of Honour. The Rev. C. L. Blanchet officiated. A reception was held at Mr. and Mrs. Lammert's residence, a large number of friends attending, and wishing the young couple every happiness.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

Hats of the New Season.



Hats that mould the head are seen along with the hats that continue very high in the mid-season mode. Very distinguished are the new hats smartly draped, pulled or cut into unusual lines and in unusual fabrics.

The very high hat with its oddly dented or creased crown still persists in attracting attention and will be much seen throughout the winter season—particularly in the new and very soft felts that come in such charming colours.

Brimms remain of little importance in the newest hats. They rarely appear in any definite shape. The winter hat still persists in featuring either brimless hats or tiny brims that turn themselves down all around, up all around or in ruffled effects, partly upturned or in all sorts of odd ways made important to the high-crowned hat.

Crowns remain the important part of the hat. Creases mark its height, folds are seen and all sorts of indentations in all sorts of places mark it chic and becoming.

The very new hats, of course, mould the head and are of turban lines—the helmet hat, the new cap line with tam drape, a toque, that is drawn on like a cap, the hat with the crest-like fold from front to back, a sort of Mephistopheles cap with oddly pointed sides and other unusual effects lend the mode in hats.

Grosgrain ribbon, as usual, is seen in the mid-season. Straw adaptations with taffetas, silks and knitted threads also are seen. The embossed antelope felt is new in the mode.

Feather trimming is much seen on the new hats. Broad feathers greatly covering the hat are very interesting features of some of the new grosgrain hats. Shaded feather flowers are also a new fancy of the season. Silk flowers in unusual designs are seen on the hats that come across seas, but in general the hat that relies entirely upon its own unusual lines and boasts no trimming is most successfully seen.

Combinations of fabrics are used smartly. Straw and silk, for example, are seen. Folds, creases and odd arrangements of the fabrics distinguish all the new hats. Colours vary from the soft shades of blue, rose, beige, grey and

green to vivid tones in felts and silks. Gold in woven fabrics is much seen while the black hat, as usual, is always smart.

Corinne Griffith, who wears the hats of each season with so much distinction, finds the new head-moulded hats decidedly smart and becoming. In her new First National film, "The Lady in Ermine," Miss Griffith chooses several of the new season's favourites.

TIGHT-HAT RISK.

Will the wearing of close-fitting hats of the cloche type affect women's hair in the next few years? This is a question exercising the minds of hair specialists (says the London "Daily Mail").

By wearing these hats on bobbed, shingled, or Eton-cropped hair women are reproducing some of the conditions that affect the hair of men who wear tight-fitting head-gear.

Several hairdressers told a "Daily Mail" 2 reporter that "thinning out" of the hair among women is more common than it used to be. Unwise choice of hats is, in their opinion, the sole cause.

Mr. J. H. Browne, chairman of the Hairdressers' Registration Committee, said:—"Two most harmful things to the hair are lack of ventilation and interference with the circulation of the blood. If the headgear is too tight not enough blood will go to feed the roots, there will be no essential 'secretion' or natural grease, and there will not be an adequate supply of colouring matter. A woman should take care that the hat is large enough not to cause undue pressure, and she should beware of anything that makes a line on forehead or scalp. There is a greater danger to hair in lack of proper ventilation. A hat should be worn in such a way that there is ample air space, and to ensure that ventilation is adequate a material should be chosen that admits air. Yet get ventilation through such things as velvet, felt and cloth materials, but those that do not admit air—oil-skin and similar materials—should be avoided."

Black Taffeta Vogue.



Everywhere that Mary goes this season she is apt to take with her at least one frock of black and at least one of taffeta, and, if she be wise in the ways of the mode, she will generally combine the two and have one very distinguished costume of black taffeta.

There are many lines to choose from in selecting the black taffeta afternoon gown. There may be a bouffant tendency or a very simple silhouette featuring an intricate cut. Simplicity generally marks the advent of the black taffeta gown and very little in the way of trimming is added to its native smartness.

Colour may, of course, be an added feature of the gown. If it be seen at all its mark of distinction is its artistic outline. A collar of cream lace, a vest of shell pink, a brilliant blue ribbon, embroidered motifs of gold, coloured thread stitching or any other simple means of adding another colour note is always effective.

All black is, of course, much seen. And the combination of black and white is as pleasing to the sartorial senses this season as in past years.

The very full skirt that possesses an uneven hemline is much used in taffeta frocks. Waists are, of course, bound to be snugly fitted and sleeves have all manner of opportunities to make themselves important. The very long and bell-shaped sleeve, the tight fitting sleeve terminating in a balloon shape are also in vogue while the bishop or butterfly sleeve enters into this season's point of interest.

Billie Dove, seen in her newest First National film, "An Affair of the Polies," wears a black taffeta frock smartly applied in white broadcloth, with a bouffant skirt, fitted waist and balloon sleeves.

SHINGLED HAIR.

"The shingle won't last a decade. Long hair will return as sure as the sunshine follows the rain," says Marcel, the inventor of the "pow" famous hair wave.

Mr. Long, who assisted Marcel to popularise the wave, declares, however, that the shingle will be fashionable for the next 30 years. These conflicting opinions were obtained when Messrs. Marcel and Long visited London. They were accompanied by their wives, neither of whom was bobbed or shingled.

Mr. Long added that the shingle would be long-lived because it went with short skirts, which must continue.

The Eton crop, he said, was doomed because it was ugly.

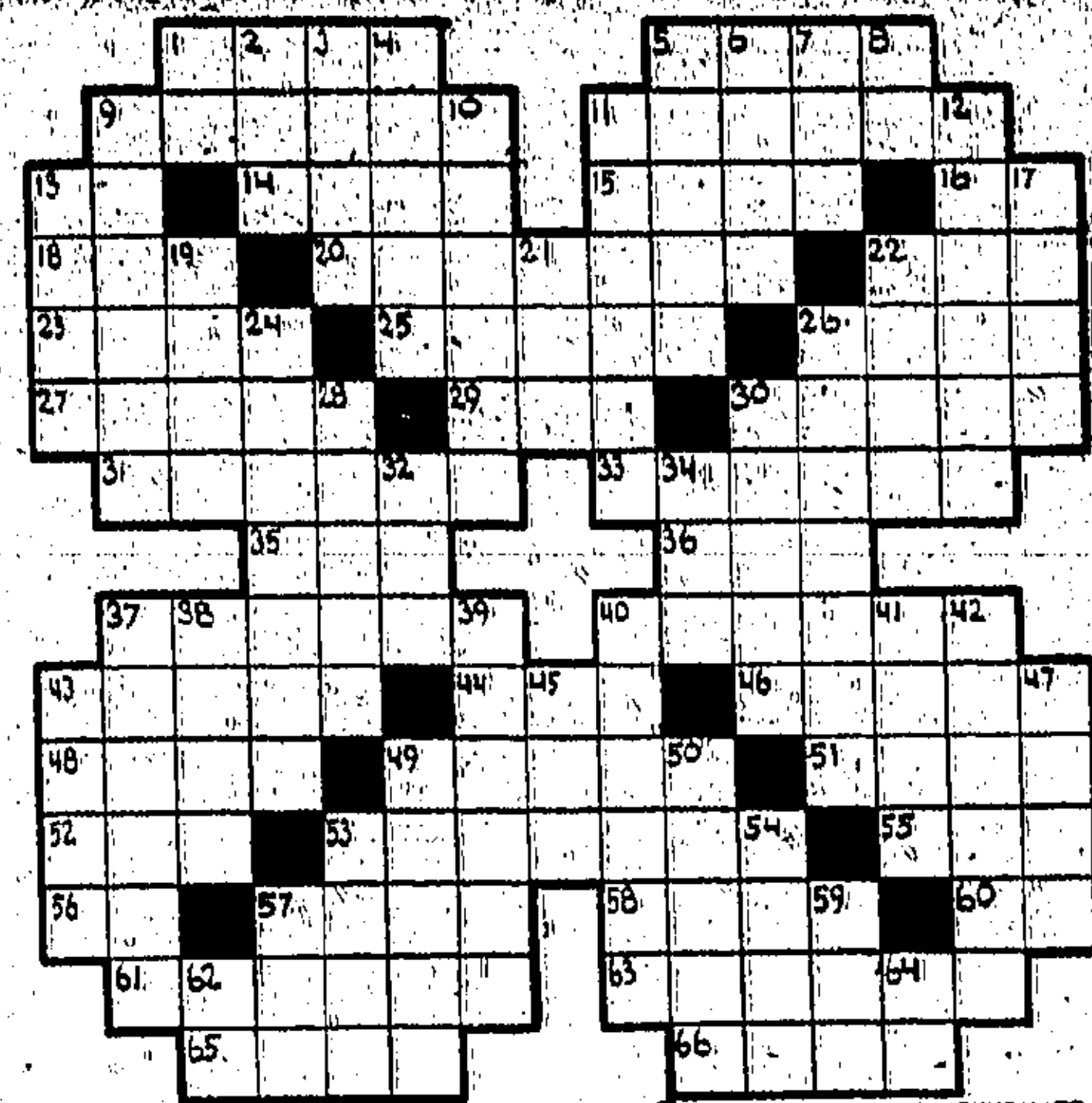
FASHION'S CHANGES.

Depression in the Worst Trade.

The present vogue in knitted goods and the short smock skirt was one of the factors of the depression in the worsted trade, said Mr. Wood, secretary of the Woollen and Worsted Trades Federation in the

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Residence
- 2-Girl's name
- 3-Brilliant group of stars
- 11-Divine pro and con
- 12-Title of address (abbr.)
- 14-Small cubes, used in games
- 15-Frank
- 16-A liquid measure (abbr.)
- 18-A cereal grass
- 20-Triangular
- 22-Color
- 23-Leading man
- 25-South American ruminant
- 26-To hold in check
- 27-Wearies
- 29-Point of the compass (abbr.)
- 30-To cover with paint
- 31-Mind
- 32-Wish
- 33-To place
- 35-The human race
- 37-Landscape
- 40-Perian, nightingale
- 42-Belabors
- 43-Female sheep
- 44-Famous Jewish leader

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Innate
- 49-Goads
- 51-Toward the sunset
- 52-Reel
- 53-Feline
- 55-Prefix meaning "through"
- 56-Exist
- 57-Price of passage
- 58-Cry
- 60-King of Babylon (Bib.)
- 61-Cane
- 63-Up-to-date
- 65-Victim
- 66-Style

VERTICAL

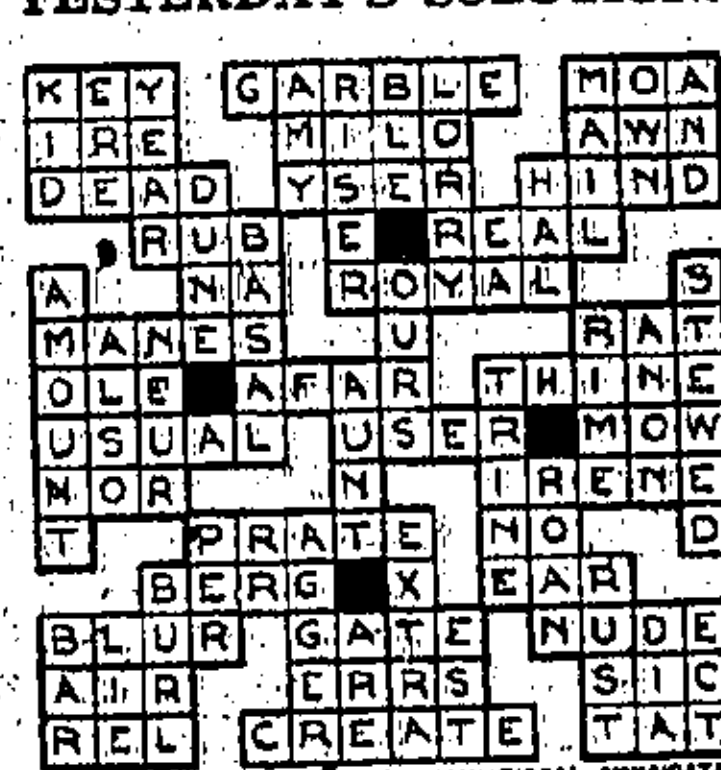
- 1-Ejaculation
- 2-Elderly
- 3-A female servant
- 4-Surpass
- 5-A reddish-brown pigment
- 6-In bed
- 7-Hastened
- 8-By or near
- 9-Without recompense
- 10-Shout
- 11-Condensed
- 12-Parting to horses
- 13-Urmost degree
- 17-Canvas shelter

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Ancient seat of sovereignty in Ireland
- 21-Light brown
- 22-One who inherits property
- 24-Full
- 26-Arch of light in the sky
- 28-Bridges
- 30-A hymn
- 32-Organ of vision
- 34-An Australian bird
- 37-A connected succession
- 38-To imprison
- 39-Waits upon
- 40-An incoherent uproar
- 41-Second-hand
- 42-Injury
- 43-Part of some plants
- 46-To court
- 47-Male deer
- 48-Jaunty
- 50-Device for sharpening a razor
- 54-Contest of speed
- 59-A tree
- 60-Laila
- 62-Township (abbr.)
- 64-Recording Secretary (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



course of a paper read before the Royal Statistical Society upon "The Wool Industry." One did not usually meet the depression by discharging trained workpeople, but by short time. Mere figures of unemployment therefore did not tell the whole tale. The depression, reckoning the decline both in numbers employed and their average earnings, in the wool and textile industry as a whole, showed a 25 per cent. reduction in 1926 compared with May 1920. This depression had lasted for three years, and showed no signs of lifting.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGES

"Ambassador" is to be the name
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opened shortly at Market-street,
Paddington, W.

An eleven-month-old Shorthorn
bull calf, owned by Lord Lovat, was
sold at Perth for 2,000 guineas to
Mr. Joseph Shepherd, London.

Acting on the recommendation of
the church committee, the vicar, the
Rev. J. L. White, has prohibited the
Charleston at a dance arranged by
the Nunston-parish church.

During the absence for four
months in Chile of Dr. Thomas De
La Barra, Chilean Consul in
Glasgow, his daughter, Miss Olga
De La Barra, is to act as Consul.

The Rev. Edward Smith, an 83-
years-old clergyman of Oshkosh,
Wisconsin, U.S.A., a native of
Cheshire, England, has been mar-
ried to Miss Florence Williams,
aged 44.

At Bath Joseph Williams, 40,
officially regarded by the author-
ities as a Spaniard, was sentenced
to three months' imprisonment for
returning to England after being
expelled.

In addition to a previous gift of
£10,000 Mr. Bernhard Baron, chair-
man of Carreras, Ltd., has given
£5,000 to the fund for the recon-
struction and development of Mid-
dlesex Hospital.

While giving evidence at a North-
fleet, Kent, inquest on a neighbour,
who was found dead at home, Mrs.
Jane Hollands, of Coopers-road,
Perry-street, collapsed and died
within a few minutes.

"He was so annoyed when I ac-
cused him of 'oscillating' that he
said he would do me in within a
week," said William Littlemore of
Gordon Shaw, who was bound over
at Hull for using threats.

Sir Arthur Whitney, president of
the Institute of Chartered Account-
ants, who is 61, was married at
Chelsea register office to Mrs. Mary
Gwendoline Charlotte Gunn, aged
28, of St. James-street, Chelsea.

An umpire, on appeal, has decided
that 1,500 miners, on strike at
Castletown, North Durham, since
the coal stoppage ended, against the
employers' terms, have the right
to draw unemployment allowance.

Palmer's Company, shipbuilders,
Jarrow-on-Tyne, have booked their
fourth oil-tanker order within a
fortnight, the latest vessel being a
10,000-ton motor-ship for the Brit-
ish Tanker Company, Ltd., London.

Coal and coke shipped from the
Tyne in January amounted to
1,340,000 tons, an increase of
150,000 tons compared with the pre-
vious January and only 342,000 tons
less than January 1913, a record
year.

In a fire which destroyed the
lower portion of the house, Mr. Wil-
liam Dainty, aged 79, a commercial
traveller of Grand-drive, Leigh-on-
Sea, was trapped in a bedroom and
was rescued unconscious by the
firemen.

The Prime Minister is to receive
a deputation from the London
County Council regarding the re-
commendations of the Royal Com-
mission on Thames Bridges, and
with special reference to Waterloo
Bridge.

M. Rasmussen, the Danish Arctic
explorer, says that Canada, the
United States, and Denmark will
send simultaneous expeditions to
the Arctic regions to investigate the
origin and archaeology of the
Eskimos.

The cost to the Exchequer of the
search for Mrs. Agatha Christie,
the novelist, who disappeared from
her home at Sunningdale, and was
subsequently found at a hydro in
Harrogate, was £12 10s., said the
Home Secretary.

After having accidentally shot a
boy companion, who has since re-
covered, "while out rabbiting,"
Joseph Harding, of Tversall, Not-
tinghamshire, shot himself, and at
the inquest a verdict of Suicide
while of Unsound Mind was re-
turned.

At Hertfordshire Assizes Edward
Tenfold professional to the South
Bedfordshire Golf Club was awarded
£1,785 damages against Messrs.
Bailey-Hawkins, of Watlington, near
Hitchin, for injuries received in a
motor collision near Hitchin on
December 31, 1925.

Exposed to York through the pub-
lication of a report in "The Daily
Mail," Ernest "Reddy" Hill, at
Queensferry, was sentenced to three
months' imprisonment, with hard
labour, for obtaining £200 and
lodging without payment.

At a recent meeting Middlesex
ratepayers expressed the opinion
that owing to the expense of main-
taining the Middlesex County
Council, the ratepayers should be
compensated.

The Rev. Canon Joseph William
Coulter, rector of Bridport, Dorset-
shire, has been appointed vicar of
Calne and archdeacon of Wilts.

Mr. Terry Pruden, son of Mr.
A. G. Pruden, who was chairman of
the British Chamber of Commerce
during the visit of the Prince of
Wales to Buenos Aires, has been
drowned while bathing.

As a woman, not yet identified,
was crossing Forest-road, Waltham-
stow, E., she was run down by a
motor-car, and before she could be
removed a second motor-car ran
over and killed her.



HENRY MILLER, M.P.

Stokely W. Morgan, who has
been appointed chief of the
United States Latin-American
division of the State Department,
an appointment which is felt to
have a bearing on the Mexican
and Nicaraguan situations, since
the division handles all affairs on
this continent.

Victor, Earl of Tankerville, an
early 18th-century panel of Flemish
tapestry, valued at £2,000, and a
Chinese lacquer cabinet, with other
furniture, valued at £1,000, were
sold at auction.

An omnibus on the Nottingham-
Mansfield route skidded, crashed
into a wall near Newstead Abbey
gates, and overturned, but all the
passengers escaped serious injury.

Full-sized models of the proposed
entrances to the Piccadilly-circus
tube station, on either side of
Messrs. Swan and Edgar's premises,
will be put into position for official
inspection.

At Moresambay Bay, the body was
found of Florence Hindley, aged 29,
of Patricroft, Manchester, a nurse
at the Westmorland Sanatorium,
who had been missing since the pre-
vious morning.

William Henry Woodhouse, head
master, and Herman Beaumont
Ashley, one of his assistants, were
committed for trial at Derbyshire
Assizes by Chesterfield county
magistrates on a charge of perjury.

A verdict of Death from Natural
Causes was recorded at the inquest
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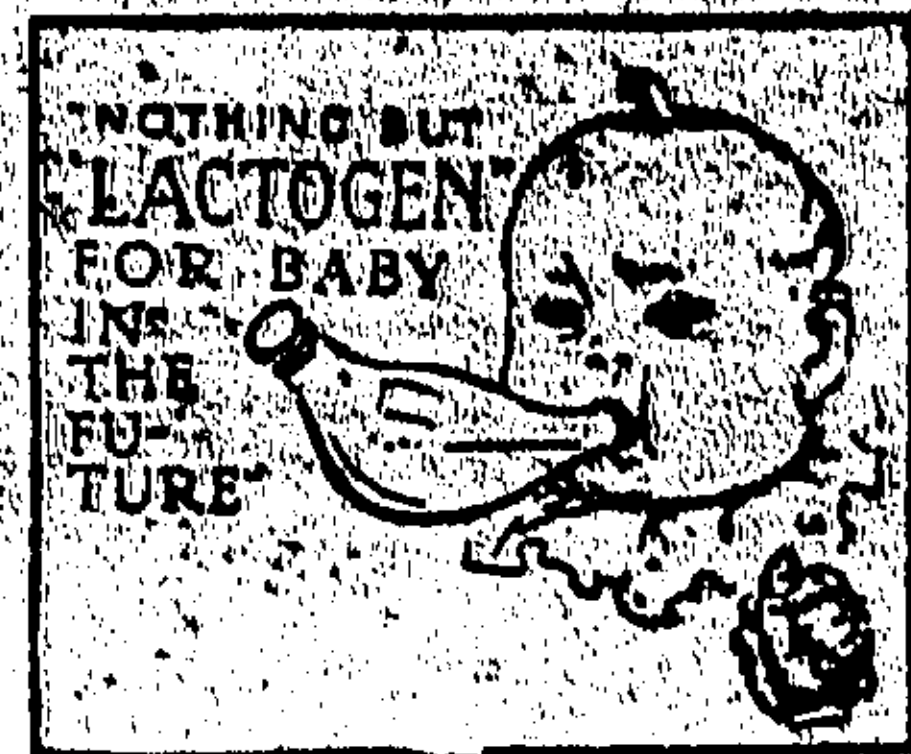


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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, MARCH	Per
Straits	31	Delta.
Straits	31	Suisang.
Straits	31	Lahore.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 3rd)	31	Malwa.
March and parcels 24th February	31	Malwa.
Straits	1	Tilawa.
Amoy	1	Takada.
Japan & Shanghai	1	Macedonia.
SUNDAY, APRIL	3	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	3	Pres. Jackson.
MONDAY, APRIL	4	
Australia & Manila	4	Arafura.
TUESDAY, APRIL	5	
Japan & Shanghai	5	Antenor.
FRIDAY, APRIL	8	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	8	Empress of Russia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, MARCH	Per
Sing. Shui & Wuchow	30	Kochow
THURSDAY, MARCH	31	
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	31	Hanoi
Saigon	31	Huamung
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	31	Hai Ching
Straits	31	Van Heutz
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	31	Delta
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	31	Malwa
FRIDAY, APRIL	1	
Batavia	1	Tjisalak
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 16th April. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	1	St. Albans
Shanghai & Japan	1	Lahore
Formosa	1	Sui Sang
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th April. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (2nd) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.20 a.m.	1	Macedonia
SATURDAY, APRIL	2	
Amoy	2	Anhui
SUNDAY, APRIL	3	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	3	Katjo Maru
Swatow & Bangkok	3	Kaying
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	3	Hai Ning
MONDAY, APRIL	4	
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	4	Hector
Siberia	4	Pres. Jackson
Manila	4	Popalms
Swatow	4	Chakung
TUESDAY, APRIL	5	
Straits	5	
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	5	
C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.	5	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	5	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	5	

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

Premier On Our Bounden Duty.

"HALF BAKED SOCIALISTS."

The Prime Minister, in a letter of good wishes to Mr. H. Cairn Hogbin, Conservative candidate in the triangular contest in the Stourbridge Division, appealed as a Worcestershire man to Worcestershire men and women not to be misled by misrepresentations, however cleverly phrased, into casting their votes in favour of the half-baked policy of Socialism and Communism.

Mr. Baldwin instanced the attitude of the Socialist party towards events in China as a fresh example of "their unfitness for national responsibilities," and pointed out that the Socialists had "taken every opportunity of misrepresenting our intentions, not only in this country, but by direct communication with one of the parties to the civil war now being fought out in China." Following is the full text of the letter:—

"Dear Mr. Hogbin—You have my best wishes for your success in your courageous fight. Every voter who is against Socialism and Communism and wishes to make effective use of his votes should give you his support. The Liberal candidate, I know, is neither Socialist nor Communist, but judging from the fate of the Liberal candidates in the recent by-elections, he can do no more than help the Socialists by taking away votes from us.

"Recent events in the Far East and the attitude of the Socialist party towards them afford a fresh example of their unfitness for national responsibilities. A state of civil war exists in China, and conditions have arisen which have caused the greatest anxiety to His Majesty's Government, more particularly with regard to the safety of British subjects—all workers in the true sense of the term—in that country. The Government have long been aware of the growing gravity of the situation in China, and not the least of the difficulties we have had to contend with in the delicate negotiations we have undertaken with the rival factions has been the fact that the Socialist party in this country have been doing their best to make political capital out of the situation, regardless of possible consequences to the thousands of British subjects there resident.

"It is the bounden duty of the Government to protect the lives and interests of British subjects in any part of the world; and in the absence of any stable form of government in China we have been obliged to send ships and troops to Chinese waters for that purpose. The Socialist party have taken every opportunity of misrepresenting our intentions, not only in this country, but by direct communications with one of the parties to the civil war now being fought out in China.

"If we are to believe them they would willingly leave British men, women, and children in remote Chinese cities to the tender mercies of an angry Chinese population inflamed by the virulent anti-British propaganda which has been unceasingly carried on there for many months past. Is this really the view of the Socialist party of the manner in which His Majesty's Government should shoulder their responsibilities?

"I am a Worcestershire man myself, and if I know Worcestershire men and women, as I believe I do, they will not be misled by these misrepresentations, however cleverly phrased, into casting their votes in favour of the half-baked policy of Socialism and Communism. They will instead record their votes in your favour, and thus strike an effective blow at those whose avowed object is the overthrow of our existing constitution and the substitution for it of the so-called Dictatorship of the Proletariat, which, as you all know, is the complete negation of that personal liberty of speech, thought, and action that is the proud heritage of us all—Yours sincerely,

STANLEY BALDWIN.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montagu called for Marseilles to-day, leaving Hong Kong on the Paul Lear.

YANGTSE DANGERS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

President Coolidge feels, however, that the Americans will co-operate with the others, and discretion is left to the American commander as regards the French concession. — Reuter's American Service.

MORE FRENCH TROOPS.

Twelve Hundred Annamites to Be Sent.

Paris, March 29: The Government has decided to send reinforcements to the troops in China. Twelve hundred Annamite troops will be despatched from Annam to China as soon as possible. — Reuter.

LIEUT. ARAKI.

The Report of His Death Incorrect.

Shanghai, March 30: The announcement of the death of Lieut. Araki, which was published in Shanghai yesterday morning, appears to have been premature. His condition yesterday was very grave, but it was better this morning. — Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Clash Between Sailors and Chinese.

Shanghai, March 29: Following a slight encounter between a party from H.M.S. "Woodcock" and Chinese at Changsha, the local Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has demanded the withdrawal of British men-of-war from the port and the handing over of the British sailors involved in the incident in order to enable the Chinese to take drastic action against them.

It is also reported that the Commissioner has withdrawn extraterritorial rights from all Britishers at Changsha, and the British authorities are evacuating their nationals in consequence. — Reuter.

"Times" and China.

London, March 29: The immediate necessity in China is sheer physical defence, is the opinion of the "Times" in stating that whether or no there be a conflict between moderates and extremists in the Kuomintang, all recent events show the extremists are doing their utmost to force the issue in the direction they prefer, and with such elements further negotiations are impossible. It will be time to resume serious political negotiations when genuine Chinese Nationalism again emerges in an organised form. — Reuter.

FRENCH TROOPS.

First Reports Regarding The Reinforcements.

London, March 29: The "Daily Mail" Paris correspondent says that important French reinforcements have been ordered to Shanghai from Indo-China. — Reuter.

Press Comment. Paris, March 29: The "Journal" reiterates the

necessity for close co-operation between the French Concession and the International Concession at Shanghai on the doctrine of "Unity of defence is the best guarantee of success."

The "Matin" says the Government has been taking necessary measures during the past four months and has a reserve of troops in Indo-China. Admiral Beziere has provisionally refused reinforcements offered him, as experts are of opinion the French can meet any surprise with forces already at their disposal. The newspaper adds that while single control may be undesirable, it does not follow France should refuse to participate in common action in the event of grave peril. — Reuter.

MATTER OF HONOUR.

Japanese Naval Officer's Suicide.

Shanghai, March 29: Lieutenant Kameo Araki who was in charge of the guard at the Japanese Consulate at Nanking at the time of the recent outrage there, attempted to commit suicide aboard the flagship "Tone" this morning, and is now in grave condition. Lieut. Araki returned here from Nanking yesterday aboard the cruiser "Tenryu" to report particulars of the outrage at the Consulate to Rear-Admiral Araki, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Squadron in China. It was after this interview that he attempted to take his life.

Apparently Lieut. Araki was weighed down by the sense of responsibility for what occurred at the Consulate, where he with seven bluejackets were on guard. That he forebore to fire on the great mob of undisciplined Cantonese soldiers who attacked and looted the Consulate was solely because he feared that to do so would mean—as almost certainly it would—the massacre of all the Consular officials and their families. — Reuter.

Farewell Message.

Shanghai, Later.

Araki is dead. It transpires he shot himself. He left a note in the course of which he says, "I am quite ashamed for the honor of the Japanese Navy being disgraced by the Southern soldiers." — Reuter.

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